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LOK SABHA

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CORRUPTION IN SEED DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Andhra Pradesh Oil Federation andAndhra Pradesh State Seed Development Corporation have bought low quality seeds from traders and distributed the same to farmers;

(b) if so, whether the investigations by the State Vigilance and EnforcementDepartment have revealed that the officials distributed seeds afflicted with dangerous disease against the advice of the agricultural scientists; and

(c) the steps being taken to provide better seeds to the farmers and take action against those held responsible?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The Government of Andhra Pradesh have reported that they are not aware of distribution of low quality seeds as purported.

(c): The Government proposes to produce and supply seeds of varieties tolerant to Peanut stem necrosis disease like TAG-24 and K-134 in large quantities, in a phased manner from this year onwards. Initially 300 quintals of Foundation seed of K-134 and200 quintals of TAG-24 were distributed through Andhra Pradesh State SeedDevelopment Corporation for multiplication of seed in two stages. Under the SeedVillage Programme, Andhra Pradesh State Seed Development Corporation and AndhraPradesh Oil Federation will distribute Foundation seed to farmers for multiplication ofFoundation seed into Certified seed to meet their requirement.